

WOULD PENSION NEEDY ACTORS

Conried's Scheme for Taxing
"Deadheads" to Make Such
a Plan Possible.

A. F. OF A. IN ANNUAL SESSION.

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ident and William Gillette
Makes First Appearance
on Board of Trustees.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New York, May 14.—The Actors' Fund of America held its twenty-third annual meeting at the Savoy Theater. At a preliminary meeting the trustees read and adopted the public meeting the following ticket was elected: For president, Daniel Frohman; first vice president, A. M. Palmer; second vice president, Antonio Pastor; treasurer, William Harris; secretary, Frank McKee.

The trustees elected are Al Hayman, Heinrich Conried, William Gillette, William H. Crane, De Wolf Hopper, F. P. Mackay, Joseph Brooks and Alf Hayman.

Daniel Frohman, now president of the fund, was the original secretary of the association when the fund was organized, and has served as chairman of the Board of Trustees for more than fifteen years. A. M. Palmer, the first vice president, has served as president for thirteen years. He is also chairman of the Executive Committee. William Gillette makes his first appearance on the Board of Trustees.

An announcement that created great enthusiasm was made at the meeting by Mr. Conried, who, in explaining his plan of taxing each free theater ticket 10 cents, said that the revenue from this source would enrich the fund to such an extent that at the end of ten years it would be able to give a pension of \$150 a year to every actor and actress in the country over 65 years of age and without means. Great applause and cheers greeted this announcement.

The matter was first brought before the meeting in the report of the retiring president, Al Hayman, which was read by A. M. Palmer. The report stated that the fund's expenses for the year have been \$45,000, while the receipts have been less than \$27,000, and even taking into account two benefits yet to be given, there will be a deficit probably of \$20,000.

Mr. Hayman in his report spoke in hearty approval of Mr. Conried's plan of taxing "deadheads" for the benefit of the fund.

Mr. Conried then was asked to explain when the plan could be put in operation. He replied that the Managers' Association had passed a call for a convention of managers here next October to approve the scheme, but that there was nothing to prevent any manager inaugurating the system immediately. This announcement, too, was greeted with applause.

Speaking in detail of the plan, Mr. Conried said that on an average each manager makes money for ten cents at each performance, which would mean \$1 a night for the fund from each house adopting the plan. If 1,000 houses go into the arrangement, he said, the result would be \$300,000 a year for the fund.

Through the courtesy of James H. Hyde, president of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, Mr. Conried said he had been enabled to consult certain tables and obtain expert opinions as to what could be accomplished in the way of pensioning needy actors and actresses, with the result above stated.

An incidental result of the adoption of the plan, Mr. Conried said, would be to induce more members of the profession to join the fund.

WEIGHS 200; WINS IN JUMP.

Woman Leaps From Outgoing
Ocean Steamer to Dock.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New York, May 14.—Weighing 200 pounds and not being built for jumping anyhow, Mrs. Laurenti of the Hotel Laurenti, on Christopher street, leaped from the rolling gangplank of the Gascoigne to the dock over a chasm more than 6 feet wide, while the entire deckload of passengers looked on and cheered wildly at her success.

Mrs. Laurenti lost the call of warning to those who were to go ashore, but did not realize it until the big ship was slowly pulling out of the dock.

Then she screamed: "The deck steward became interested; the captain was consulted in a brace of seconds, the engines were stopped, and the ship was slowly pulled back to the dock."

MORE "SPOTTED FEVER."

Many Cases of Dread Malady Reported in New York.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New York, May 14.—Five persons, suffering from cerebrospinal meningitis, or "spotted fever," have been removed to the Harlem Hospital within a week. Winifred Dyer, 18 years old, of No. 325 East One Hundred and Twenty-sixth street, died this afternoon.

Other victims are George McKay, 12 years of age, of No. 123 Second avenue; Antonette Poroguo, 22, of No. 207 First avenue; and Ignatia Sisco, 24 years old, and 26-year-old child, Maria, of No. 270 Eighth avenue. The condition of the mother and child is serious. The other patients, it is thought, will recover.

Extra precautions are taken at the hospital to prevent a spread of the disease in the event that it is contagious, a fact that is not thoroughly established.

There are many other cases in Harlem which are treated at the homes of the patients.

DIED PROMISING TO RETURN.

Mother Said She Would Come for
Child and It Passed Away.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New Bedford, Mass., May 14.—"Take care for our two oldest ones, Joe; never mind the baby, I'll return for her," were the dying words of Mrs. Joseph Brillion, Jr., who died a week ago.

Her prophecy was fulfilled; the baby died and the mother and child now rest in the same grave.

It was a month ago that the presentment came to Mrs. Brillion as she lay on her deathbed. The child was less than 2 months old at the time, and for days the mother spoke of hardly anything else.

MAN CRAZED BY CIGARETTES.

Leaped Through Second-Story
Window and Ran From Family.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New York, May 14.—William Ainsworth, 35 years old, who lived with his parents on Whittaker avenue, became violently insane from excessive cigarette smoking. Some friends and members of his family remained with him all night, but at 5 o'clock in the morning, when he had been left alone for a brief time, he leaped through a second-story window and, after reaching the street, struck hatless and without down the roadway.

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VELVET RUGS Room size, 9x12 ft.—fine qualities, worth \$22.50... **\$16.50**
AXMINSTER RUGS Room size, 9x12 feet—the height of elegance—worth \$40.00... **\$25.00**

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TELEPHONE SAVED MEN CARRIED DOWN STREAM.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Toledo, O., May 14.—Peter and Clarence Fisher of Waterville, over their lives to the rural telephone system.

WEDS "GIRL HE LEFT BEHIND."

Spanish-American War Veteran Returns to Claim Sweetheart.

Chattanooga, May 14.—One of Chattanooga's fair damsels has been won by a soldier of the Spanish-American War, and the romance centers around the daughter of J. C. True, the well-known contractor of this city.

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